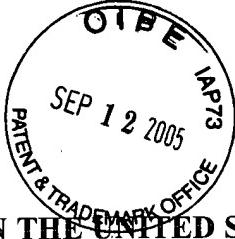


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Submitted herewith is the following document relating to the above-identified patent application:

- (1) Amendment and Response to Office Action.

There is no additional fee due in conjunction with the Amendment. In the event of non-payment or improper payment of a required fee, the Commissioner is authorized to charge or to credit **International Business Machines Corporation Deposit Account No. 50-0510** as required to correct the error.

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In response to the outstanding Office Action dated June 8, 2005, please amend the above-identified application as follows: